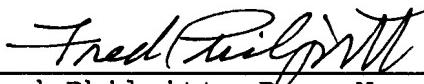


secondary reference simply discloses an inflatable device which by use of inflatable rings forms an annulus into which concrete can be dumped. This device is used inside the main pipe and it cannot be seen how this device could be used with the holding apparatus shown in Figure 15 of European Patent 0241719.

Since the new claims clearly distinguish over the cited prior art, reconsideration and allowance are solicited.

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